



Research Support Opportunity in Arctic Environmental Studies

This unique opportunity consists of logistical support for up to 365 days, within a pre-determined three-year period beginning in 2021, for research undertaken at Eureka on Ellesmere Island, a Canadian High Arctic Weather Station (HAWS). At the discretion of the Prairie and Northern Atmospheric Monitoring Section of the Meteorological Service of Canada, the dates may be moved to the summer of 2022, if room is available.

Eligibility

Canadian students or permanent residents in Canada, engaged in graduate programs at Canadian universities, in any appropriate environmental discipline in the physical and/or biological sciences, may apply. Preference will be given to master's students and doctoral students at an early stage in their programs. Preference will also be given to proposals for which the HAWS location on Ellesmere Island is demonstrably advantageous. Research support opportunities are not confined to students engaged in weather-related studies.

Nature of the Opportunity

Recipients will receive full accommodation and other benefits at the Eureka station for up to 365 days within a pre-determined three-year period. A certain amount of technical and other support will be available at the station for such things as instrument setup and maintenance, monitoring, data transmission, etc. Transportation to and from the site will be available on a space-available basis on air charters from Yellowknife, NT.

Conditions

Recipients will be required to enlist as volunteer members of the HAWS support staff. They will be responsible to the Officer-in-Charge for light station duties, up to 4 hours per day, 5 days per week during stays at the station. The Meteorological Service of Canada (MSC) shall not be held specifically culpable or liable for any properties of the recipient in transit or on site, in any way.

Progress reports of the recipient's research must be submitted twice a year (on predetermined dates) and copies of all published papers and theses resulting from the work must be forwarded to the MSC for ultimate transmittal to the station concerned. All such publications should acknowledge the MSC Research Support Opportunity in Arctic Environmental Studies.

Recipients must be medically fit for isolated posting verified by a personal physician or a designated Health Canada physician. Emergency medical assistance/air charters will be a MSC responsibility. Travel insurance and personal insurance will be the responsibility



of the recipient/university.

A brief questionnaire on the candidate's suitability, compatibility, and adaptability for living in an isolated environment is to be completed by the applicant's supervisor/referee with the application. A satisfactory level of personal suitability and compatibility will be required.

All applications should be submitted to the Association of Canadian Universities for Northern Studies (ACUNS), where they will be screened for transmittal to and final selection by the MSC Opportunities Committee.

One opportunity will be allocated per ACUNS Award season.



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Common Criteria

You must:

- be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident;
- be enrolled full time in college or university at the time of application and over the tenure of your award;
- not concurrently hold two ACUNS awards, but you may hold other awards and financial support while holding an ACUNS award;
- include a northern fieldwork component in your research that is conducted between May (in the year you receive your award) and the following March or May (depending on specific award). (*Note: fieldwork is not required for the Gunther Abrahamson Research and Management Award*); and
- conduct your research project in the North as defined here <http://acuns.ca/website/awards/northern-boundary-map/> .



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Application Instructions and Selection Procedures

Applications will be judged, subject to points made above, on their academic merit and the appropriateness of the HAWS base for the proposed work. An opportunity **will not be issued** until certification is received from the institution accepting the individual. There are three parts to an application, the application form, referee's report and transcripts. **All three parts must be received in the office before January 31.**

1. Application:

Please read award guidelines and instructions carefully before completing the form. In order to apply, you will be required to create an ACUNS account by clicking the signup button at www.acuns.ca. Once you have registered, you will receive an email to confirm. Your ACUNS account will allow you to save your application and track the progress of your application(s), referee reports and transcripts.

2. Referee Reports:

For this award, applicants are asked to have one referee complete the online referee's report, which must be completed by the supervisor of the research project. During the application process, you will be asked to enter the name and email address of the individual you will ask to serve as referee in support of your application. Referees will receive an email directly which will include the report to be completed. **If you are applying to more than one ACUNS Award, your referee is required to complete a separate form for each application.** Upon submission of the report, your ACUNS account will be updated to reflect its completion. [Referee Guidelines](#)

3. Transcripts:

Electronic copies of official transcripts may be sent to awards@acuns.ca. Only your most up-to-date graduate (Master's or Doctoral) transcript is necessary. Please note that it can take several weeks to have official transcripts ordered and delivered. It is highly recommended that you order these well in advance of the application deadline.

If sending paper transcripts by mail, please send one copy of all required official grade transcripts, in a single package to:

ACUNS Scholarship Program
c/o Association of Canadian Universities for Northern Studies
P.O. Box 30017
Ottawa, ON K2H 1A3



General Award Information

- For projects including field research outside of Canada, the relevance and benefit of the circumpolar fieldwork to Canadian northern scholarship must be clearly indicated.
- Applications are reviewed by a multi-disciplinary committee; technical jargon should be kept to a minimum.
- Applications to more than one ACUNS Award require each referee to complete a separate form for each application.
- Award recipients are identified in May. Only successful candidates will be notified.